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In the Claims

Claims 2 and 3 have been previously canceled.

Please amend pending Claims 1, 4 and 5 as follows,
which constitutes a clean copy thereof:

1. (currently amended) An integral single piece adapter ring with internal female and external male threads, for adapting a conventional baby bottle nipple-and-collar to fit a conventional narrow-mouthed threaded beverage bottle top, said adapter comprising:

a cylindrical ring (2) having an internal void (3) ✓
therein;

said female threads located on an inner wall (4) of
said ring (2);

said female threads for mating with respective male
bottle-top threads of a conventional narrow-diameter
threaded-cap beverage container (8), said female threads on
said inner wall (4) for permitting alternate user mounting
and user removal of said cylindrical ring (2) respectively
onto and from said conventional beverage bottle (8);

said cylindrical ring (2) having said external male
threads on an outer wall of said ring (2); said male threads
for alternate user mounting and removal respectively onto

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and from respective internal female threads on a conventional baby-bottle nipple collar (6);

an unbraced, unencumbered resilient circumferential sealing flange (5), said sealing flange being completely flat on its respective top and bottom surfaces, said sealing flange extending radially inward from said inner wall of said ring (2);

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said completely flat sealing flange (5) having a central aperture for permitting fluid flow to a conventional baby-bottle nipple (7) therethrough; said completely flat sealing flange (5) sealably contacting an upper edge of the conventional beverage bottle spout when said cylindrical ring (2) and said conventional baby-bottle collar are in their respective mounted positions; and

an uninterrupted top chamber above said sealing flange (5) and a bottom chamber below said sealing flange (5), said top chamber having a smooth, cylindrical interior wall and a diameter larger than the diameter of said bottom chamber.

2. (withdrawn) The cylindrical ring (2) of Claim 1, further comprising a pair of interconnecting chambers therewithin; said pair of chambers comprising

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a top chamber having an open top end and a bottom chamber having an open bottom end, said top and bottom chambers being internally interconnected by said circumferential sealing flange (5), said flange (5) comprising an open medial connecting member contiguous respectively with said top and bottom chambers; and wherein

said open top end of said top chamber having a diameter larger than the diameter of said open bottom end of said bottom chamber; and wherein

said bottom chamber comprises said inner wall (4); said female threads of said inner wall (4) for receiving and grasping the male threads of a standard beverage bottle top (8); and wherein


said top chamber of said sealing ring (2) comprises said outer wall of said ring (2);, said external male threads disposed on said top chamber outer wall for grasping the female threads of a conventional baby-bottle nipple sealing ring for convenient user installation and removal of baby drinking nipples.

3. (withdrawn) The device of claim 2, wherein said circumferential sealing flange (5) is disc-shaped, wherein the diameter of said disc-shaped flange (5) is disposed perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of said cylindrical

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ring (2); said longitudinal axis of said ring (2) being co-linear with a longitudinal axis of said conventional beverage container (8).

4. (currently amended) An integral, single piece adapter for adapting a baby bottle nipple for use on and with a narrow-mouthed threaded beverage bottle top comprising:



a circular ring divided in the interior thereof into an uninterrupted top chamber and a bottom chamber by an inwardly extending unbraced, unencumbered resilient sealing flange, said unbraced, unencumbered sealing flange being completely flat on respective top and bottom surfaces thereof for engaging and sealing a top opening of said beverage bottle top, said completely flat sealing flange having an opening for passage of liquid;

said top chamber having an uninterrupted recess therein and a smooth cylindrical interior wall surface;

female threads being provided along an inner surface of said bottom chamber for engaging threads on the outside of said beverage bottle top;

a collar formed on the outside of said ring adjacent a lower opening into said bottom chamber; and

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male threads on the outside of said ring above said collar for engagement with a collar accommodating said nipple therein.

5. (currently amended) The integral, single piece adapter of claim 4 in which said top chamber has a larger inside diameter than said bottom chamber.
